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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MAY 4, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed May 4, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

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The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due August 4, 2005. Therefore this response is considered timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

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